To health & happiness in 2022! Geoff, Jill, Grace & Madelyn

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We began the year with a COVID friendly nautical adventure in the Florida Keys. Swimming, exploring deserted islands, chasing dolphins and Catan were had, but none topped dreaming of retiring for a life on the water.



Grace has been busy this year. She turned 12 in May and has started to act like a grown woman. She started 7th grade in the fall and picked up 7th grade volleyball along the way! She has gotten a passion for dance and has been busy with Nutcracker practices since August! We are so proud of all she is becoming. -By Grace



After postponing our trip in 2020, we finally took the big one. The main attraction in our 15 days was a week camping in Yellowstone. Hiking, geysers, waterfalls, wildlife: we did it all! We began and ended with stops in the Badlands and Black Hills, with Grand Tetons in the middle. What a blast!



Madelyn continues to grow up before our eyes. She still plays cello, piano and guitar, along with swimming, dance and her role as Recreation Leader in 4-H. This year, she added basketball and vocals to her piano and guitar. She's loving her last year at Mitchell as a big kid and looks forward to next year's adventures of Middle School.



The girls received Settlers of Catan from us last year, and we had no idea how addicted we would all become. We played 9 games in 5 days, then played on winter nights, in Yellowstone and even on a boat in the Keys.



A trip to Minnesota was all it took to convince the girls they loved to ski. With Uncle Bryan as their ski coach (they wouldn't listen to Dad), the girls mastered all the greens. One short trip turned into a weekend at Seven Oaks and spring break in the U.P. They now meet us at the bottom of the slopes and have their sights set on Colorado!



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This year the whole family embraced 4-H. The girls took on officer positions, Jill became a leader, and Geoff a trusted parent volunteer. The girls submitted 13 projects to the county fair, and even entered livestock city-kid style in the pet show, where stunningly both cats received purple ribbons (even Mittens).

